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25X1 TURKEY: The revolutionary underground may be more extensive and better organized than previously suspected [redacted]

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[redacted] No centrally directed network of revolutionary organizations has been uncovered, but there appears to be a considerable number of well-organized groups, with sympathizers in many sectors of Turkish society.

Martial law authorities in Ankara and Istanbul have been carrying out major search operations for terrorist fugitives and are applying more rigorous control measures than in the past. The nighttime curfew in Ankara has been extended and searches are being intensified. Because of the increasing number of clashes with terrorists who are heavily armed,

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In Istanbul, where some 200 terrorists are still believed to be in hiding, the martial law commander may impose a city-wide curfew this weekend in a major new effort to capture terrorist leaders. The martial law authorities also probably want to keep the city under tight wraps as a precautionary measure related to possible executions of three convicted terrorists within the next few days.

It is virtually certain that martial law, due to expire on 26 March, will be extended at least in five of the 11 provinces currently under martial law, when it comes up for review in Parliament next week.

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NOTES

PANAMA: The government is attempting to portray charges of official Panamanian involvement in narcotics trafficking as a US intelligence plot to discredit the Torrijos regime and undermine the Panamanian position in canal negotiations. Panamanian ambassadors in Costa Rica and Ecuador have already attacked the US and similar efforts to link the narcotics charges with the canal talks may be generated by other Panamanian diplomats. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Torrijos, who ultimately vetoed [REDACTED] previous efforts to muddy the waters, may be less hesitant this time. Torrijos has demonstrated in the past his belief that the best defense is a good offense and could well endorse steps aimed at embarrassing the US, if he were not mollified by a US apology. [REDACTED]

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